

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert Allen Smith et al.

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For: HYDRATABLE FORM OF KERATIN  
FOR USE AS A SOIL AMENDMENT

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Deborah K. Ware

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Confirmation No. 2390

**AMENDMENT AND COMMENTS FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

**VIA EFS-WEB**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

The present paper is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114. The fee of \$405.00 for a Request for Continued Examination for a small entity is being filed electronically herewith. No further fees are believed to be due with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/KER020/4-1DIVUS/58000.

Entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.